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Applicant(s): Yoshihida IWAKI, et al.

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For: BLOCKING OF DEVICE FOR DETECTING BIOCHEMICALLY ACTIVE MOLECULES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated September 23, 2003, applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I, namely claims 1 - 11 and 15-20 directed to a method of blocking.

This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to applicants, we reserve the right to file a divisional for the non-elected claims in this restriction requirement

An early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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